

**U.S. Department of Labor**

Assistant Secretary for  
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Washington, D.C. 20210



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The Honorable Brian Schweitzer  
Governor of Montana  
State Capitol  
Helena, Montana 59620-0801

Dear Governor Schweitzer:

It is with pleasure that I respond to the State of Montana's request for an extension of a Workforce Investment Act (WIA) waiver. This response is provided in accordance with the Secretary's authority to waive certain requirements of WIA Title I, subtitles B and E and Sections 8-10 of the Wagner-Peyser Act.

The State of Montana is requesting an extension of the waiver of the time limit on the period of initial eligibility for training providers at 20 CFR 663.530. The state continues to experience difficulty in the collection of "all student" performance information from training providers. A waiver extension would provide additional time to address barriers to data acquisition and system building.

The request is written in the format identified in WIA Section 189(i)(4)(B) and 20 CFR 661.420(c), and appears to meet the standard for approval at 20 CFR 661.420(e). Accordingly, the State of Montana is granted an extension of the waiver through June 30, 2007.

The granted waiver extension is incorporated by reference into the state's WIA Grant Agreement, as provided for under paragraph 3 of the executed Agreement, and also constitutes a modification of the state's approved five-year strategic plan. As this waiver extension is approved for Program Years 2005 and 2006, please incorporate it in your strategic plan for those years. A copy of the letter should be filed with the state's WIA Grant Agreement and the state's approved five-year strategic plan, as appropriate.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you and achieving better workforce investment outcomes. We are prepared to entertain other waiver requests that you may wish to submit, consistent with the provisions of the WIA statute and regulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emily Stover DeRocco".

Emily Stover DeRocco

Enclosure